

# Strafford, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday through Wednesday, 9 am - 12 noon;**  
**Town Clerk: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:30 am - 2 pm,**  
**Tuesday, 1 pm - 7 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Strafford**  
**Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA**  
**Lakes**  
**Strafford Regional**  
**Southeast Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 1**  
**District 2**  
**District 17**  
**Strafford County District 3**

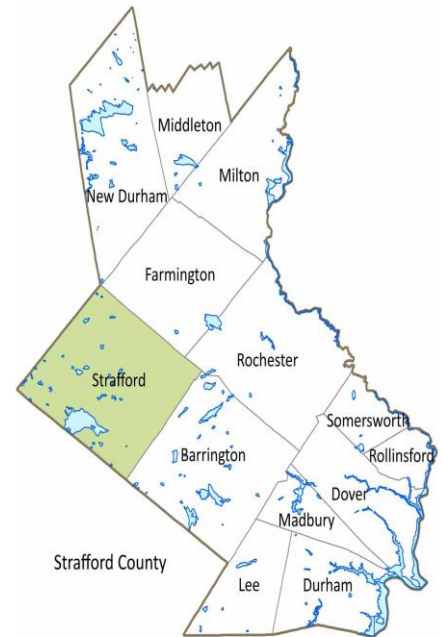
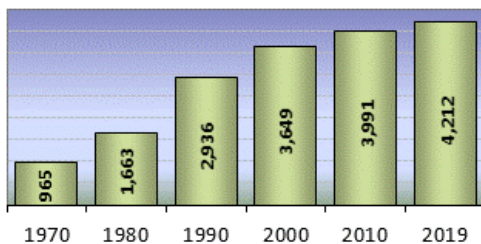
**Incorporated: 1820**

**Origin:** This territory was for a long time part of Barrington, and settled prior to the Revolution. It was incorporated as a separate town in 1820, taking its name from the county in which it is located. Earl of Strafford was a title of the Wentworth family in England. Strafford, Vermont is also named for the family. The name was also adopted by a state militia company in Dover, the Strafford Guards, who later became part of the New Hampshire National Guard. The company served as escort for the Marquis de Lafayette on his visit to America, and saw service in the Civil War.

**Villages and Place Names:** Berrys Corner, Bow Lake Village, Center Strafford, Hills Corner, Leighton Corners, Strafford Corner, Welshs Corner

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 2,144 residents in 1820

**Population Trends:** Population change for Strafford totaled 3,247 over 49 years, from 965 in 1970 to 4,212 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 77 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, which followed a 72 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2019 Census estimate for Strafford was 4,212 residents, which ranked 91st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 86.0 persons per square mile of land area. Strafford contains 49.0 square miles of land area and 2.2 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	<b>\$3,623,582</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$11,763,366</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1970/20</b>
Master Plan	<b>2002</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library; Planning</b>
Appointed:	<b>Conservation</b>
Public Library	<b>Hill</b>

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Part-time</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Part-time</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Frisbie Memorial, Rochester</b>	<b>10 miles 96</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint; TDS</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	<b>Limited Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$23.47</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>76.8</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$17.98</b>
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>96.9%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>1.8%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.3%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	<b>1,769</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,658</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>52</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>59</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>4,212</b>	<b>130,633</b>	
2010	<b>3,991</b>	<b>123,143</b>	
2000	<b>3,649</b>	<b>112,676</b>	
1990	<b>2,936</b>	<b>104,348</b>	
1980	<b>1,663</b>	<b>85,324</b>	
1970	<b>965</b>	<b>70,431</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>2,005</b>	Female	<b>2,135</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>313</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>684</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>640</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,121</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>730</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>652</b>		
Median Age	<b>43.7 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	<b>95.9%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>42.5%</b>		

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	<b>\$39,439</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$112,679</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$98,625</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$61,607</b>		
Female	<b>\$56,438</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>2.0%</b>		

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	<b>2,381</b>	<b>2,298</b>
Employed	<b>2,253</b>	<b>2,242</b>
Unemployed	<b>128</b>	<b>56</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>144</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$1,061</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>112</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$ 895</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>210</b>	<b>257</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 652</b>	<b>\$ 988</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>156</b>	<b>147</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 545</b>	<b>\$ 656</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>367</b>	<b>404</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 606</b>	<b>\$ 867</b>

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Strafford operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Coe-Brown Academy (Northwood)** District: **SAU 44**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center; R.W. Creteau Regional Technology Ctr.; Somersworth Career Technical Center** Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	411			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **97**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
David R. Whitcher, Builder	Building contractor	25	1971
Amusement Media, Inc.	Media & marketing	15	1997
Uncle George's	Convenience store, deli	5	2001
Isinglass Country Store	Convenience store	3	1985
Strafford Machine & Welding	Job machine shop	2	1974
Strafford Window	Window fabrication	2	2002
Strafford Insulating Technologies	Insulation	1	1985

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes		<b>126, 202A</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>Spaulding Tpk., Exit 16; I-95, Exit 5</b>		
	Distance		<b>9 miles; 29 miles</b>
Railroad			<b>No</b>
Public Transportation			<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Skyhaven, Rochester</b>	Runway	<b>4,200 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted?	<b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance		<b>47 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			<b>32 miles</b>
Portland, Maine			<b>62 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.			<b>79 miles</b>
New York City, NY			<b>270 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec			<b>264 miles</b>
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			<b>83.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van			<b>6.0%</b>
Public transportation			<b>0.0%</b>
Walked			<b>1.5%</b>
Other means			<b>8.8%</b>
Worked at home			<b>5.5%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work			<b>33.1 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>			
Working in community of residence			<b>16.4</b>
Commuting to another NH community			<b>78.1</b>
Commuting out-of-state			<b>5.5</b>

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Bow Lake</b>